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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: CIA Representative for CINCLANT Staff

1. In November 1954 the Commander in Chief, Atlantic requested that a full time CIA representative (officer of the naval service) be assigned to his staff. This request is in accord with Secretary of Defense and Director, Central Intelligence agreements that a representative of the CIA will be assigned to staffs of unified and specified commanders provided the representative is acceptable to the commander.
2. In response to this request the CIA advised the Chief of Naval Operations that they had initiated action to provide a full time representative and that:
 - a. CIA would take the necessary action to provide a qualified officer. However, until such an officer is provided, the existing liaison arrangements should remain in effect.
 - b. The officer to be assigned this duty would be thoroughly conversant with Joint Staff procedure but would not necessarily be a naval officer.
 - c. A biographical sketch of the officer nominated would be forwarded for information and comment.
3. This information was forwarded to CINCLANT in January 1955 requesting his comment or concurrence. CINCLANT in reply has reaffirmed his desire that the CIA representative on his staff be an officer of the naval Service; and is amenable to any delay necessary to ensure assignment of an officer of the naval Service to this billet.
4. In view of the above it is recommended that arrangements be made with CIA for the assignment of an officer of the regular naval Service to a billet within the authorized ceiling of the Central Intelligence Agency for training and ultimate assignment to CINCLANT as the CIA staff representative. An officer in the rank of commander with the qualification of Navy Job Classification 9086 (Strategic Plans Officer) should be acceptable.

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